

REMARKS

Currently pending in the patent application are claims 1-6, 11-13, 21-24, and 43 are rejected. Claims 7-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 14-20, 25-42, 44, and 45 were withdrawn and Applicant reserves the right to present these claims in one or more divisional or continuing applications. Claims 33, 39, and 40 were allowed. Claims 7 and 9 were cancelled as the contents of these claims were fully or partially included in amended claims 1, 24, and 43.

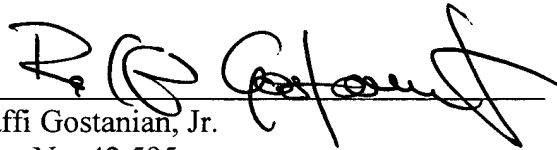
Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the following limitations: wherein each image sensor includes an iris and an iris controller for selectively activating and deactivating each iris; and wherein the iris controller comprises an iris driver and an iris actuator. These limitations were originally contained in claims 7 and 9 which were objected to. Since these limitations now appear in currently amended claim 1, Applicant believes currently amended claim 1 is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests it be passed to allowance.

Independent claims 24 and 43 have been amended to include the following limitation: wherein each image sensor includes an iris and an iris controller for selectively activating and deactivating each iris. These limitations were originally contained in claim 7 which was objected to. Since this limitation now appears in currently amended claims 24 and 43, Applicant believes currently amended claims 24 and 43 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests they be passed to allowance.

Since claims 2-6, 8, 10-13, and 21-23 depend on claim 1, which Applicant believes is in condition for allowance, Applicant believes claims 2-6, 8, 10-13, and 21-23 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests they be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful for the allowance of this application, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

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